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FOLKLORE

CHICAGO 270

MAY 26 1959

STATE Illinois.

NAME OF WORKER Hilda Polacheck

ADDRESS 1410 East 57th Street.

DATE May 11, 1939.

SUBJECT Singing games.

1. Date and time of interview May, 1 1939
2. Place of interview Ray School yard.
3. Name and address of informant A group of children.
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant.

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5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you

6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc.

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Text -1-

STATE Illinois.

NAME OF WORKER Hilda Polacheck

ADDRESS 1410 East 57th Street, Chicago

DATE May 4, 1939.

SUBJECT Singing games

Threading the Needle.

(A boy and a girl, each standing on a stool, make an arch of their hands, under which the children in the game pass. On the last line the hands are dropped and the two players enclosed). The needle's eye That doth supply The thread that runs so true; Ah! many a lass Have I let pass Because I wanted you. The needle's eye You ain't pass by, The thread it runs so true; It has caught many a seemly lass, And now it has caught you.

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TEXT -2-

STATE Illinois

NAME OF WORKER Hilda Polacheck

ADDRESS 1410 East 57th Street, Chicago.

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DATE May 4, 1939.

SUBJECT Satire.

(This was written by members of The American Student Union, and sung at a rally to the tune of a Sharecropper's Song). Dies is our leader, We shall not be moved, Dies is our leader, We shall not be moved, Just like the garbage in Chicago's alleys We shall not be moved.

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TEXT -3- FORM [D?] [Extra Comment?]

FOLKLORE

CHICAGO

STATE Illinois.

NAME OF WORKER Hilda Polacheck,

ADDRESS 1410 East 57th Street, Chicago.

DATE May 4, 1939

SUBJECT Singing games

NAME OF INFORMANT A group of children. Charlie Chaplin went to France, To teach the ladies how to dance, First the heel, then the toe Then a high kick and away we go.

The C.C.C. boys went to see the sea, And all they could see was the C.C.C.

(A ball was bounced to this one) Father's on the picket line, Mother walks in clover, Baby will get milk so fine, When the strike is over.

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TEXT -4- FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

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CHICAGO

STATE Illinois,

NAME OF WORKER Hilda Polacheck,

ADDRESS 1410 East 57th Street

DATE May 4, 1939.

SUBJECT

NAME OF INFORMANT

These were created during the steel strike in South Chicago. Cigarettes, cigarettes, butts, butts butts, Company union, nuts, nuts, nuts. Wages up and hours down, Make Chicago a union town.